



## **H.Res. 378 - Honoring World Red Cross Red Crescent Day**

### **Floor Situation**

H.Res. 378 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Louis Fortuno (R-PR) on May 7, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Services, considered under suspension of the rules and passed by unanimous consent.

The bill is expected to be considered on the floor on July 16, 2007.

### **Summary**

H.Res. 378 supports the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, which is the world's largest humanitarian network, by honoring World Red Cross Red Crescent Day.

### **Background**

Henry Dunant was born on May 8, 1828 and was the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross. He founded the Red Cross after witnessing the Battle of Solferino in 1859, which took place between the French and Austrians. After the battle he began a campaign to assist the sick and wounded of other battles.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has a network of 97,000,000 volunteers located in nearly every country in the world and in 2006 assisted in 23 international disasters and contributed roughly \$16 million in disaster assistance. They have also helped to vaccinate 372 million children in 48 countries against measles.

### **Cost**

This bill has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

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